**Drought Prone Areas Programme**

3183. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have identified drought prone districts in Rajasthan for implementation of Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status and break-up of funds released under the DPAP for those drought prone districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. This Ministry is implementing Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) on watershed basis since 1995-96 in 32 blocks of 11 districts of Rajasthan *viz*; Ajmer Banswara, Baran, Bharatpur, Dungarpur, Jhalawar, Karouli, Kota, Sawai-Madhopur, Tonk and Udaipur. So far a total of 987 projects (500 hectare each) have been sanctioned to these districts with a release of Rs. 4984.05 lakhs during the last three years. Disctrict wise position of release of funds for the last three years is enclosed as per Statement.

***Statement***

*District-wise position of release of funds during the last three years*

| District | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Ajmer | 157.61 | 270.10 | 189.70 |
| Banswara | 286.88 | 232.46 | 445.98 |
| Baran | 108.00 | 148.50 | 253.46 |
| Bharatpur | 43.87 | 37.12 | 19.94 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dungarpur | 262.79 | 379.46 | 50.62 |
| Jhalawar | 131.29 | 262.40 | 131.63 |
| Kota | 33.75 | 97.88 | 195.88 |
| S. Madhopur | 43.35 | 64.12 | 63.82 |
| Karouli | 40.50 | 60.05 | 10.12 |
| Tonk | 160.88 | 223.95 | 91.12 |
| Udaipur | 162.00 | 203.32 | 121.50 |
| TOTAL: | 1430 | 1979.36 | 1573.77 |

**Roads connectivity to villages in Bihar**

3184. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages, district-wise and panchayat-wise, in the State of Bihar which have not been connected with the city roads;

(b) whether any scheme is under Government's consideration in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by when all the villages of the State will be connected with city roads to help the villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) According to information currently available with the Ministry, based on the provisional Core Network prepared by the Government of Bihar and the progress already achieved there are 9956 unconnected habitations with population over one thousand and 6203 habitations with population over 500 in Bihar. Under 'Bharat Nirman', target has been set to connect all these habitations with an all weather road through PMGSY by 2009. Approximately 18946